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De Lagerberg, J.
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620 West 116th St. – New York 2/7.1921

Mr Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
155 St. West of Broadway
City.

My dear Mr Wood:

Enclosed two photos of Sr. Ernesto del Piazza's Medallion of Pres Elect Harding, I thought might go with the plaster cast, so, as to give an idea of its appearance in reduced scale – Kindly keep them for me with the cast –

Cordially yours
J de Lagerbeth.

511 West 112th St N.Y. 4/3.22

My dear Mr Wood –

The Medal with the two men fighting "Dulcia Ut Mori" "Dulcia victoria etc" – thinking a "Gustavus Adolphus" I fail to find it in "Hildebrand" Should you ever be able to trace it I would esteem much to hear, as I believe it is – a rare one –

The Erie Loop Medal 17 Juni 1629, – I would not be surprised you will find it in "Svenska Numismatiska Meddelanden"

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I have all cuts and the work at "Shoreham" – and I will hunt it up for you, when we go down at end of this month, for the summer –

If you are in a hurry you can find it in ~~the~~ the Society library (I believe the cuts & work are there) –

That Dr Picks "Pallas Athena"!? by Jove! Why did they not make her worse ??

Put that Uheral in the "House of Horror"! Oh My!

Glad to see you

Very truly Yours

Joe Lagerbelt

"Guardian" L.I. N.Y. Box 42. 5/4 1922 –

Telephone #18.

My dear Mr Boor:

According to my promise I hereby give you details in reg to the Swedish Silver Medal you enquired abt. "You will find the same fully described in "Numismatiska Meddelanden" XVII. Del 1. Häft 1." Erik Soop: page 21. Being an expert Swedish scholar I know you are familiar with the description of the Medal! However, I will try to give you a free transl of what is said abt the Medal – which you will find reproduced (page 3 – #10) among the sketches of the Medals =

Erik Soop. Born 21st Aug 1592. Knight. Commodore for "Vestgöta Cavallery". Died 15th March 1632.

Details of the Ob & Reverse I do not need to give, as you hold the Medal – But what may interest you is, that there are (2) Two diff Medals struck. and the diff consist in that in one of them the lines in the gold field of the Shield are diagonal, while on the other – straight lines – and on the Reverse side, on the former medal the plume in Capt Soop's hat is right below the letter "R" in "Regem" while on the other abt the middle of the word "Regem" – With other words, there are (or rather have been two dies)

Commodore is = to a rank in Swedish Army (among the higher degrees) I am unaware of if this rank exist in U.S. Army –

H.W.
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One of these Medals (I believe the one in the Lady's Cabinet) is struck 1830 by the Swedish Academy — The group, an immense size, expected to represent the moment when at the battle of Stuhm, Prussia the 17th of June 1629. Sooth saved King Gustavus Adolphus from being taken prisoner by a Kroat —

I think you have the first mentioned which is considered R.R. —

As far as the other concern, it was engraved 1804 seems the die for Nos. were unusable —

Both are engraved by L. Grandel

" We came out here Saturday, expect to remain Dec Gratia, until December — Everything is behind in vegetation State N.J., which we do not mind, as it takes times to straighten the grounds & landscape — Nature is simply glorious and I trust Yourself, Madam & our Mutual Numismatic friends may give us the pleasure of a visit — You will see a most beautiful landscape & scenery from our porch —

X When convenient please let me know, if Mr Sattes is in N.Y. and if Mr Newel has rec'd?

X No hurry —

With kindest Regards
yours etc

J. de Lagerberg Jr.

May 5th, 1922

Mr. J. de Lagerberg
Box 42, Shoreham, L.I.

Dear Mr. de Lagerberg:

Many thanks for looking up the Erik Soop medal. I will now put my piece where it belongs.

I trust that you will find the country in the approaching summer all that you desire, and that you will have a very fine time.

I understand that Mr. Saltus is going to Europe at the end of the month. He is in New York at present. Mr. Newell is expected home about the 15th.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

Curator

September 15th, 1922.

Mr. Julius de Lagerberg,
Box 42,
Shoreham, L. I.

Dear de Lagerberg:-

Do your know the present address of Gideon Carlstrom. He is one of our Associates, and the publications we send to him at Superior, Wisconsin, are being returned.

We will appreciate an answer from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Hope you enjoyed the Convention

Meridian, L.I. N.Y. Box 42. 9/16 1922.

Telephone # 18.

My dear Mr. Noot.

The only address I have of Mr Carlstrom (and he gave it to me a few months) is: Co. Mr. Carl Dahlen. 629 – 3d Ave New York. As he is travelling around the country a great deal, I doubt he has any permanent address –

If you are interested in "Magyar News on Coins & Medals why! get a copy of Amerikai Magyar Nepszava, Sept 3d and you will find something you may like to see –

As a feather in my cap I received the honor recently to propose "The Imperial Mint" Osaka Japan, to membership of the "La Société Les Amis de la Médaille D'Art" in Brussels – Mr Sallus joined, as "Life Member" only a few mos before his demise

There are now abt One hundred Members from U.S. within two years and still they come –

If you ever Pilgrimage L.I. would be glad to see you. Norman Jerbe & Elliott Smith favored me with visits this summer. Cordially yours J. de Ragerbeth

P.S. Have recently rec'd Belgian news Nickel 1 Francs – Design good – Obverse miserable, pile resembling bar leg –

September 19th, 1922.

Mr. J. de Lagerberg,
Box 42,
Shoreham, L. I.

Dear Mr. de Lagerberg:-

Thank you for your letter of the 16th and for the address of Mr. Carlstrom.

Very truly,

Curator.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov 17. 11/12/1892

Dear Mr. Moore:

Would you kindly inform the accompanied class of Chance in my address to:

240. Midland Ave. East Orange, N.J.

being permanent Winter home, where I trust to have the pleasure of seeing you often. We leave for there this week. Very truly yours, J. Deth.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Haviland Hood, Curator
The Numismatic Society
100 W. 11th St. of Broadway
New York

J. de LAGERBERG
240 MIDLAND AVE.
EAST ORANGE, N. J.

2/11. 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood.
New York

My dear Sir:

When convenient please let me know if the International Medallic Exhibit is still open at the Society and if so how long?

My idea was to inspect it thoroughly – Alas! All acquaintances of mine making appointments with me in December, disappointed me – among them the State Librarian Dr. Godard of Connecticut State Library, Hartford, who had a convention South to attend to – and kept him for quite some time –

Then friend kept their word at – good or – bad! and myself fully acquitted, lost the opportunity to see the

you probably found it in transit

exhibit more than on "Opening Day" — By the way, the Pres of the Swedish Numismatic Society, Dr Axel Nahlbeck of Stockholm, wrote me enquiring if I had heard anything abt the Society possessing the Medals sent for exhibit; and although he had no acknowledgement of same, he thought, at least a copy of a Catalogue of the exhibit has been sent. He also mentioned abt a Collection of Medals & plaquettes, presented to the Society through his endeavors and influence but of which he had not heard, whether the Cander at the bottom of Atlantic Ocean or in N.S. Calcutta —

I wrote him some time ago, informing him, that the Society felt so poorly — in spite of recently receiving a present of $20,000 — that I had been told, they could not afford printing of a Catalogue of the exhibit by the 16 Foreign Lands — Medal awarders —

Personally I regret the Society being in such a financial straight, as I would have been pleased to purchase a Catalogue myself —

[illegible] $20.00

May I enquire if the Society has in its Cabinet any native Cowries from the Gold Coast around the Gulf of Guinea which were styled "Guineas"? I understand the true "native Money" consists of a miniature hoe & blade of Alloy of abt a fifth of a pound weight called "Manilla". at value little less than a penny – Are there any of these "Manilla" coin in the Societies Collection?

Mr Duffield is three mos behind with reproduction in "the Numismatist" of some interesting Medals by me, &c — the "Royal Swedish Academy Anniversary 1924" Medal struck in December presented to me may not appear until the May issue will be ready and, I receive every week Medals sent me from America – Still they come

After Cowrie week, if you ever come out anyways, we'd be glad to have you see me

fraternally yours

J. de Lagerberg

Have printed

February 13th, 1925

Mr. J. de La gerberg
240 Midland Avenue
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mr. de Lagerberg:

The Exhibition of modern foreign medals will be probably open for the rest of this month. To be safe, I would suggest that you come up before the end of next week.

I am sorry that the President of the Swedish Numismatic Society should feel slighted. All our dealings have been with Sporrong; aand we have communicated with Sporrong concerning the medals, etc. as they shipped them to us. Possibly Mr. Langdon has had correspondence with Dr. Wahlstedt I cannot see why you took the liberty of writing him that we were not going to get out a Catalogue as we were so poor, despite the fact that we had received $20,000. Please have this corrected as we have not received $20,000. As for a Catalogue, do you realize what it would have cost? And it would have been a dead loss as hardly a copy would sell although we could give plenty away.

There are no native coins from the Gold Coast called Guineas. The word "Guinea" only applies to an English coin, the first of which was made with gold from Guinea.

The Manillas come in several shapes and sizes, according to the locality; some are of African manufacture but most were made in England.

Very truly,

Curator

3/4. 1925.

Mr. Raymond Wood
Newport

My dear Mr Wood:

Thanks for favors of the 5th & 13th. My time of late so fully engaged on Medal matters: exceedingly regret missing more than a glimpse of the Foreign exhibit —

Yes! Dr Nahlstedt in Sweden surely fell slighter not leaving even in line from the Society, as he did all the work for it to obtain what they rec'd. Spurring was only an agent or transmisser of it —

As to the Catalogue

have enquire if I realize what it would have cost.?
I do realize it, and know exactly the cost of such Medaria, having handled them since 1863.
Even if it had been a dead loss to the Society, if not selling same, it had been of value to visitors interested in Medalic Art and a praise of Appreciation to the Sculptors & Engravers, who sent their Cleef D'Oeuvres to R.S. —
I have had enquiries from many Countries and All where astonished to learn that not even a leaflet was printed by "the R.N.S" — Personally of course I have nothing to say, as to the Society's action, but had I been, as for many years — Secy

on the Foreign Medal Committee I would have been glad to present the Society with 500 Copies of a small Catalogue —
Undoubtedly it will be a long time until another opportunity presents itself in this line —

May I ask an enquiry as to name "Guineas" for native Coins from the Gold Coast — was — I read: in the days of the Merchant adventures the Coins minted from the gold brought from the territories clustering around the Gulf of Guinea, were styled "Guineas" —

After a week ago I called on Prof. a "Cualam Hanne" — I must sincerely regret to say, that he — although cheerful — appeared as a shadow & I trust not we met for never seeing each other again.
He certainly is, if any, a True Numismatician.

Very truly Yours
J. de Lagotellerie

2/17/26.

Dear Mr Wood:

Yours received, cautions noted —

No! things have passed. There is no use of your having a photo taken of the Medal with which I am well familiar with since old —

Thanks to you just the same.

Got hold of a fine specimen Eisleben Luther Thaler 1661 — various other material among which last week 60 hours of the Dandest Sciatica (not Numismatic, I ever struck) —

Wintergreen knocked Gout
of my legs & the Dr wanted
it to be "Gout." I said no!
No Lobster à la N. Charlotte,
Canvasback & Port 1847 for
me since — last — so if
he wanted it to be Gout why!
I told him it must be "Poor"?
Mrs Gout" — —

"La Société les Amis de la Mer à la"
"Mille Isaac have its 1925"
Medal ready and also 1926
by Mon Sculp d never known
Jos. Netherwoldice (I presume Dutch)
Best regards
Sincerely Yours
J de Lagerbelly

February 16th, 1926

Mr. J. de Lagerberg
240 Midland Avenue
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mr. de Lagerberg:

Mrs. Harriman has written to me asking me to take up with you the question of photographing the Harriman medal for The Numismatist. There has been deposited here for some time a specimen of this medal. Let me know if you wish us to photograph it for you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

5/21/28

Dear Mr Wood.

At last I am able to report on the subject of the Medal I am handed me some time ago — or rather — I am not able to report what we are after. Dr Axel Wallstedt, the Pres of the Swedish Society — a very fine & highly educated & interesting gentl, Regement M.D. recently Louisianer — writes me, that he has a thorough investigation & enquiry personal & search in quantities of Illust Catalogues — All in vain to trace it. He is however positive sure of it not being Swedish — Appelgren brought forward the suggestion that it may be the Commemorative to two different Medals

fetches together — On the contrary the style in the details f.i. the four divided helm branches? shields, spears & flags on the edges etc etc. same on both sides — As there are no inscription in the exergue to indicate initials of any Designer I fail to be able to trace its origin — A Collection which Gehenimratt Vogel in Chemnitz owner — is now owned Engineer Gunnar Ekstrom in Sweden — I will say I would like to know myself all about it, as it is an interesting Medallic Art representation —

I learn of the donnie in Sweden of two Swedish Collectors recently Carl Lundstrom Member of S.N.S. and Dr Conrad Lundell — Both men known by me —

The S.N.S will this year strike one Medal in three Series — Designed by Ivan Kulle — Will be a fine specimen — Dr Wahlstedt was in Brussel last year & visited Prof. Tonneau & the Royal Cabinette de Monnaies — He found Collections fine, however not so very large in quantity —

As to myself I have recently got hold of 1 Plaque & Medal from Milan of Première Mussolini as well as two Madonnas "Gestelaure" & "Ostiaberama" & "Mint a Warsaw" Polaur — All these I can get specimen of if the Society desire same at reasonable figures — If Duffield reproduce in "The Numismatist" "you will see an American Medal "Award Medal" by American Art Table" designed by "Julio Kilenyi" (Father adds of much merit — not for sale — Enclosed photo — which can merely please not. Dunlop does same.

The Dürer Quatercentenary in Nürenberg has struck a silver medal bearing on obverse the head of Albrecht Dürer the great fifteenth Century German wood engraver Etcher & Painter you know — Designed by Professor Nida Rümelin — Go! you see I am constantly "at it" — I

like to have been with you
A.H.A. Club — but — I rarely
leave home in one — "Even so
humble nothing like home!!"
as the Chinaman said returning
to Shanghai — "
We expect to go to "Shanghai"
for "Decoration Day" and may re-
main for season pending tem-
perature and your favors are
very welcome to see us
there if Spirit moves you i.e.
I have a little Spirit that may
tempt you. We keep Cider &
make Cabbage leaves as the farmers
do you know on the Delaware —
Please remember me to "Robert"
& tell him he is not "le Diable"
but nearly as bad —
Best regards & Love to you
J. de Lagerberg

11/10.1921.

Dear Mr Wood:

Mr C. J. Malmberg, Secy of the "Svenska Numismatiska Föreningen" writes me, that he will forward to your Society two "Andreas Bernstrain" plaquettes to be delivered to Corresponding Members Archer M. Huntington & Henry Russell Rowe — this on the ground he is unaware of these Gentlemen's (probably complete) Corresponding Members) !!!!!! address —

Malmberg also requests me to ask your Secretary not to address the publication sent by him to "Numismatiska Tidskrift"

Lent to
"Svenska Numismatiska Föreningen"

By the way "Sälskapet" has a vulgar meaning for a society. Undoubtedly Mr. Vac does not study Swedish

Trust yourself, Madame & children are O.K. Regret not seeing all you & an a Shanghai this summer. Dr. Nies & Baron de Rothschild visited me & we had a few times —

This year I have handled more rare & valuable interesting Medals than any in my life. If you ever cross Hudson to "Masquite Land", it would afford me a great pleasure of showing you the contents of my Medal Cabinet — Abt 1200 specimen All your condition same Rare —

Cordially yours
Geo. Capitoll

The Pennsylvania plaque is
a Erik Lindberg design and
as All his work Medallic Art —

I just returned from
Cleveland — had Color — but
the foliage superb —

I am now doing an allegorical (supported by Dr Kunz) for the most Patriotic Citizen Manhattan ever had — my late esteemed friend Mr John N. van Rensselaer — who is ready & trust the Society will include it in their Calendar — — —

The "La Société Les Amis de la Médaille D'Art" Belgium — 1927, Medal, is late as yet Designer been ill for a long time —

5/26/27

Dear Mr Wood.

Would you please have sent my Act Manag # 5. "Jenny Wren" issue, to Mr James Hunt, Deacon, "Numismatic Section" Art Gallery, Adelaide South Australia.

& please when convenient let enclose letter you may like to see.

Yes go to "Sharcham" to-morrow & be happy to see Sam & family there this summer

Sincerely yours

J de Ragotzky.

May 27, 1927

Mr. J. de Lagerberg,
240 Midland Ave.,
East Orange, N. J.

My dear de Lagerberg:

It is a long time since I have heard from you, although now and then I hear indirectly of you. I trust that you will enjoy your summer at Shoreham. From everything I hear, you have a most ideal home there. I am sending to Mr. James Hunt Deacon a copy of the "Jenny Lind" monograph.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.

4/3/27

Dear Mr Wood:

On our return from "Marcham" yesterday I rec'd your's of the 27th — Thanks. Enclosed please find "damage" —

I am working on striking a Medal on a prominent deceased New York party if it can be accomplished will have a specimen for you — If you run around L. I. in summer, "Marcham" is a darned lonely spot & you & your's are always welcome there or as above

Sincerely yours
J. de Lagerberg

26th May, 1928

Mr. J. de Lagerberg,
240 Midland Avenue,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear de Lagerberg:

Many thanks for the trouble you have taken with that odd silver medal of ours. No one as yet has identified it and I have shown it to many collectors and dealers in Europe.

I read parts of your letter to Robertson, and told him of the death in Sweden of the two numismatists. I am herewith returning the postcard showing Dammann's new medal. As usual, it is good. Although we have not it as yet, we presumably will get one through our regular channels, as we are in constant communication with Damman.

I trust that you will have an enjoyable summer.

Very truly yours,

Curator

13th November, 1928

Mr. J. de Lagerberg,
240 Midland Avenue,
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. de Lagerberg:

Robertson the other day told me he had received a letter from you and conveyed your compliments to me. I am glad to hear from you again and I trust you had a most enjoyable summer.

We are buying, or trying to buy, Robertson's collection of Swedish coins. We are touching up our membership, but I almost think that we are going to have hard work getting all we want. I was wondering if you could give me a list of well-to-do Swedes in this country to whom we might write for contributions. We ought to be able to touch the pride of some of these by appealing to them to have such a good collection in this country.

Very truly yours,

Curator

J. de LAGERBERG
240 MIDLAND AVE.
EAST ORANGE, N. J.

11/15/28

Mr. Courtland Nott, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th St.
New York City

Dear Nott:

Your letter of the 13th inst has my full attention. In regard to what I can say of Gold of Franklin, I, to Swedes in U.S. who can contribute to the purchase of Rabenstein's Swedish Coins — I will say —

I have no doubt, that it would be necessary, then, to try to induce Any — One there, to contribute for such a purpose. As far as I know Patriotism for this purpose is as Patriotic as it seems to be in N.Y. City for the Lincoln Respectable Medal.

J.

have been working on for some time — and I believe that Robertson can give you, himself, names of Traders in N.S., & more singular. — Alas! I regret to say I know personally very few and those I do know will go to the Old Man — He never went I am not in touch with — However, if you can touch the Pride of Robertson please tell him I would be pleased to have him re-d — pleased to have him re-turn the letter from Party in Australia I sent him long ago —

What about "Society of Medalists"? Rather late in season!! Jamme & see me if you can — Medal Fever just the same as ever — In Dec issue of "The Numismatist" you will see full details

also "La Société les Amis de la Médaille D'Art" Belgium 1927. 1928 and 1929 Membership Medals —

Sincerely yours
Joe Lagerberg

P.S.
I asked R if he could get for me the present add of Mr Spencer in Chicago (from Detroit) — I have it now — But! Can you give me Frank J. Kierright address, I would be obliged — It was 40th St Nell City — He has moved from their last address —

19th November, 1928

Mr. J. de Lagerberg,
East Orange, N. J.

My dear de Lagerberg:

Your letter at hand. Much obliged for your prompt reply. This letter produced this: it kept Robertson working all Saturday answering you!

The best way to get hold of Frank Liveright is to address him, c/o Bamberger & Co., Newark, N.J. He lives at 118 West 79th Street, New York City.

Very truly yours,

EAST ORA

11/20/28.

Mr Hamilton Wood.
New York

My dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 19th instant at hand — Thanks.

I am under obligation to Jan by permitting Robertson to write me, at office expense, such an Epistle!! as I rec'd the other day for him (with enclosures), he might have kept until otherwise day, providing he had not been realizing that it was about time, to return your papers after keeping it — for a — of a long time — But you see, Robertson takes things

man - chalante & I fear believes in "to have - to hold" what you can lay your hands on — — —

Thanks for Mr Livingstone's adv. In fact — I rec'd it very same day, after I asked you to assist me. He has a very fine display of Coins in Newark Museum (I think a gift.) There are also some fine specimens of Medals — not many — but Med. Art. —

Will you please express my high, (I nearly said gratitude) appreciation & Robertson for what he did for me - relieving me for spending 2¢ Stationary & time in crying over spilled milk & wishing him $10,000 for his Swedish Collection if $6000 — is not undesirable? Best regards yours

Jac Rapsilber

Mr Robertson Newark

Do you know, I often think of Frey & what a thorough Numismatician he was & what sarcastic & sharp cuts he could apply, when he so found necessary — I miss him much —

oh

11/29/29

Mr. Cornelius Moore
President Society
Cincinnati

My dear Mr Moore:

In the excitement last Wednesday I forgot to inquire if the Society has any of the Cleveland plaques, being "Rome" in Orange left for sale? If so, please let me know the figure, as I have a Christmas gift to obtain

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

December 2nd 1929

Mr. J de Lagerberg
240 Midland Avenue
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mr. de Lagerberg:

We have a few of the bronze Cleveland plaques and the price is five dollars each.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

[illegible] Brackett's [illegible] on balcony E E Wall

[illegible] Stuffing room Bathing room Passage

2 old [illegible]

21 3 [illegible] [illegible]

22 [illegible]

12/1/29

Dear Mr. Wood.

Thanks for prompt reply on "the Cleveland place" for which enclosed please find Check $5.—

This morning's mail fetched me a fine "Queen Wilhelmina" (rare) from Schulman & another Medal from Bolender & Orange wine so far see — the fever is not decreasing —!

I am offered a unique Pitt deck of cards (Political since Charles II & Oliver Cromwell period). Please ask R Rife will help me out with a "gift" it only cost $500 — I am dear Brake —

Ever faithfully Jno Lagerberg

December 9,1929

Mr. J. de Lagerberg
240 Midland Avenue
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Your letter with the cheque for five dollars to cover the cost of a Cleveland plaque, has been received. In trying to find one to fill your order, we found that they had become spotted and it was necessary for us to send a plaque to the Medallic Art Co., who will refinish it and forward it to you. It should reach you in a few days.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

J. de LAGERBERG
240 MIDLAND AVE.
EAST ORANGE, N. J.

4/26/33.

Dear Mr Wood.

Mr. Parrelly, 32. Eisenbergveien Oslo Norway ask me to enquire if I can give him the inscription an Arabic coin sent to me some time ago — As I fail to recollect that he sent to me, maybe he sent it to Ian? — —

I have good news — Gilbert Pobey, Manila P.I. may land here at any day — — —

Shants have been at the Society long ago — Alas! Accident in November kept my locomotion slow & painful, besides, Mrs de L been very low & rarely leave home —

Best regards — Respects to Mrs Wood. Answer Yours J de L.

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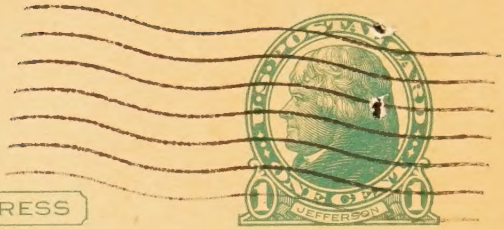

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
"The American Numismatic Society"
156 St West of Broadway.
New York

May 2, 1933.

Mr. J. deLagerberg
240 Midland Avenue
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. deLagerberg:

I absolutely do not remember the instance of the Arabic coin. Consequently I cannot help you with the inscription. I know the man did not send it to me directly.

I am sorry to hear that you have been under the weather and that Mrs. deLagerberg has also. Let us hope the summer will restore both of you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator